



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5427

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. SPALLONE of the 36th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE AND THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 2-27 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Copies of each bill for an act reported favorably by a committee
4 shall be printed in sufficient numbers, as determined by the clerks of
5 the House and Senate, for use by the General Assembly. A greater
6 number of copies of any bill shall be printed upon order of either
7 legislative commissioner. [Seven copies of each printed bill shall be
8 reserved for the use of the Secretary of the State who shall bind and
9 distribute volumes thereof as follows: One to the State Library, one to
10 the law library of Yale University, one to the library of The University
11 of Connecticut and one to the law library of The University of
12 Connecticut, one to the Wesleyan University library, one to the Library
13 of Congress and one to the library of Quinnipiac College.]

14 Sec. 2. Section 2-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the
15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

16 (a) Whenever the Governor, the members of the General Assembly
17 or the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the
18 House of Representatives call a special session of the General
19 Assembly, the Secretary of the State shall give notice thereof by
20 mailing a true copy of the call of such special session, by first class
21 mail, [evidenced by a certificate of mailing,] to each member of the
22 House of Representatives and of the Senate at his or her address as it
23 appears upon the records of said secretary not less than ten nor more
24 than fifteen days prior to the date of convening of such special session
25 or by causing a true copy of the call to be delivered to each member by
26 a state marshal, constable, state policeman or indifferent person at least
27 twenty-four hours prior to the time of convening of such special
28 session.

29 (b) Whenever the Secretary of the State is required to reconvene the
30 General Assembly pursuant to article third of the amendments to the
31 Constitution of Connecticut, said secretary shall give notice thereof by
32 mailing a true copy of the call of such reconvened session, by first class
33 mail, [evidenced by a certificate of mailing,] to each member of the
34 House of Representatives and of the Senate at his or her address as it
35 appears upon the records of said secretary not less than five days prior
36 to the date of convening of such reconvened session or by causing a
37 true copy of the call to be delivered to each member by a state marshal,
38 constable, state policeman or indifferent person at least twenty-four
39 hours prior to the time of convening of such reconvened session.

40 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 16-2 of the general statutes is
41 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
42 *passage*):

43 (d) The commissioners of the authority shall serve full time and
44 shall make full public disclosure of their assets, liabilities and income
45 at the time of their appointment, and thereafter each member of the
46 authority shall make such disclosure on or before July thirtieth of each

47 year of such member's term, and shall file such disclosure with the
48 [office of the Secretary of the State] Office of State Ethics. Each
49 commissioner shall receive annually a salary equal to that established
50 for management pay plan salary group seventy-five by the
51 Commissioner of Administrative Services, except that the chairperson
52 shall receive annually a salary equal to that established for
53 management pay plan salary group seventy-seven.

54 Sec. 4. Sections 3-81 and 3-84 of the general statutes are repealed.
55 (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2-27
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	2-7
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	16-2(d)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Savings	48,000	48,000
Secretary of the State	GF - Savings	7,000	7,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill would result in savings of approximately \$48,000 to the Office of Legislative Management due to decreased printing of file bills and public acts.

The bill would also result in savings to the Secretary of the State of approximately \$7,000 due to decreased distribution costs of the printed materials referenced above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5427*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE AND THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates a requirement for the Secretary of State to send a printed copy of all favorably reported bills to the State Library; the Library of Congress; the libraries of UConn, Wesleyan University, and Quinnipiac University; and the law libraries of UConn and Yale University. Additionally, the bill eliminates a requirement for the House and Senate clerks to reserve seven copies of each printed bill for distribution to these libraries. By law, the clerks must print sufficient copies of each favorably reported bill for use by the General Assembly.

The bill also eliminates requirements for the secretary to (1) distribute, to town and Superior Court clerks, printed copies of each public act that takes effect upon passage; (2) immediately certify to the treasurer and comptroller the amount and purpose of each legislative appropriation; and (3) purchase a certificate of mailing for notices of special and reconvened legislative sessions.

Lastly, the bill requires the Public Utilities Control Authority commissioners to file their financial disclosure statements with the Office of State Ethics instead of the secretary of the state. By law, these disclosure statements are filed when a commissioner is appointed and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/18/2010)